

Massachusetts World Refugee Day Events

June 20-23, 2007

- **June 20, 11:00am-1:00pm:** Refugee Day at the State House. Listen to refugees talk about their new life and new home. Contact Sergey Bologov for more details at 617-285-2227.
- **June 20, 12:00pm:** The Western Mass Consortium of Refugee and Immigrant providers are working with the mayor's office in Springfield to issue a proclamation to celebrate World Refugee Day. Planned activities include speakers and musicians. Contact Barbara Stoll at 413-737-2601.
- **June 20, 1:00pm-3:00pm:** Lutheran Community Services Open House. Come meet the staff and clients at 30 Harvard Street, Worcester, MA. For more information contact Ben at 508-754-1121 x420.
- **June 20, 5:00pm-7:00pm:** Lutheran Community Services also will host a Community Forum on Immigration Reform. There will be a presentation by a panel of Immigration Specialists, along with Question and Answer period. The event is at Trinity Lutheran Church, 73 Lancaster St., Jepson Hall. For more information contact Ben at 508-754-1121 x 420.
- **June 20, 6:30pm-8:00pm:** International Rescue Committee (IRC) will premiere their short documentary "**From Harm to Home**" produced in collaboration with Boston University's Center for Digital Arts in Imaging. Through the stories of refugees resettled by IRC in the greater Boston area, this film portrays the realities of the resettlement experience, as well as the IRC's role in providing services that help refugees to meet the challenges and opportunities of their new home. Discussion and reception to follow the film. The event will take place at Northeastern University's Snell Library, Room 90, 360 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02115. For more information contact Karam Yoo at 617- 482-1154 x219.

- **June 21, 11:00am-2:00pm:** The Massachusetts Office for Refugees and Immigrants will host the Boston Program to Enhance Elder Refugee Services (PERRS) Coalition's 5th annual International Senior's Day. There will be a talent show and foods from around the world. The event will take place at the Curtis Hall Senior Center, 20 South Street, 2nd floor Jamaica Plain. If you have any questions contact Thelma Dixon 617-727-7888 x 314.
- **June 21, 5:00pm-8:00pm:** The New American Center is presenting World Refugee Day at the Lynn International Festival. There will be a Russian Chorus "Fargenigen" and Bosnian Dance Group "Sevdah" performing at the event. There also will be a display of arts and crafts, and the Bosnian Community Center for Resource Development will also display some folk art pieces. Refugee students from Lynn middle and high school will perform Somali music and dances, and offer traditional food. The event will take place at the Central Square in Lynn. For more information contact Natasha Soolkin at 781-593-0100.
- **June 23, 6:00pm-9:00pm:** The Massachusetts Office for Refugees and Immigrants will host an exciting refugee soccer game at the Lester J. Rotch Park, 399 Albany Street, Boston Ma. For more information contact Ceylan Rowe at 617-727-7888 x349.